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Biography

Mary Denigan-Macauley is a Director in the Health Care team for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)—a nonpartisan and independent investigative arm of the U.S. Congress. She joined GAO in 2001, managing a diverse portfolio related to science, food safety and defense, and highly infectious diseases. Her current work evaluates the effectiveness of federal programs to promote and ensure public health. Recent areas of focus under her leadership include HHS leadership and response to the COVID-19 pandemic, FDA oversight of the drug supply, federal efforts to address the opioid crisis, antimicrobial resistance, and coordination of public health and medical response for disasters. Before joining GAO, Mary Denigan-Macauley taught public policy for Sam Houston State University in Texas and Troy University in Japan. She was also a visiting professor at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs in Tbilisi, Georgia, to promote sound and ethical governance. She graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science, attained a Master of Science from the University of Arizona, and earned a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Arizona State University.